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CORRECTION: Corrects that Dhaliwal is no longer employed by Customs and Border Protection.

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## **Ex-Customs and Border Protection Officer Charged With Sexually Assaulting LAX Employee**

A former U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer has been charged with sexually assaulting a female employee at Los Angeles International Airport, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Kanwar Dhaliwal (dob 4/3/81) was charged in case SA096205 with three counts: assault to commit rape, sodomy and oral copulation, sexual battery by restraint and assault by a public officer. He is expected to be arraigned today in Department W30 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

Deputy District Attorney Ann Marie Wise of the Justice System Integrity Division is prosecuting the case.

Dhaliwal, who worked as an agricultural specialist officer, approached the victim on Aug. 28, 2014, at LAX and allegedly made sexual advances, the prosecutor said. Dhaliwal is accused of pushing her and then sexually assaulting her.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$100,000. If convicted as charged, Dhaliwal faces up to six years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.